



Seattle Parks and Recreation Department

Kenneth R. Bounds, Superintendent

Project Review Committee

South Lake Union Park Development

Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2005, Meeting #2

<u>Committee Members:</u>				Absent
Ken Bounds	Parks, Superintendent	ken.bounds@seattle.gov	684-8022	
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<u>Guests:</u>				
Lyn Tangen	Vulcan		342-2447	

Superintendent Ken Bounds, the Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Following introductions, these items were discussed:

1. Review of funding options/discussion with Mayor

Ken Bounds reported on his successful meeting with Mayor Nickels: The Committee, with the Mayor's support, can now move ahead with Option 2/Full Replacement of Bulkhead Walls. Ken also met with Finance Director Dwight Dively to identify possible funding options; Ken believes the need for new money will not be as great as originally thought.

Aaron Bert noted that related legislation should be ready for presentation in late January/early February; everyone's involvement and support will be needed to assure this legislation is passed.

Karen Daubert announced that the Seattle Parks Foundation reached the \$2,000,000 mark in its SLU funding campaign.

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2. Update project/schedule/budget

Approvals: Toby Ressler reported that project Phases I and II have been submitted to the City Department of Planning and Development and are currently under review. Permitting processes are all proceeding according to schedule. Approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is still needed.

Ken expressed cautious concern regarding negotiations with DNR, noting that they own quite a bit of property on which city operations reside, e.g., Seattle Aquarium, Piers 62 & 63, and combined sewer overflow outfalls from SPU. The outfalls in particular are a complicated liability issue between agencies.

A short discussion ensued regarding the possible land use code changes that may be necessary to obtain approval for building the planned bridge. It was explained that care had to be taken with the code language used; we want to enable this 'within park' bridge without inadvertently allowing 'park-to-park' bridges in the future.

Wooden Boat Festival: Betsy Davis asked for input regarding the Center's annual Wooden Boat Festival normally held in July. The Center is already moving to sell festival sponsorships and needs confirmation that the Festival can be held despite construction in the area. Toby agreed to meet with Betsy in the next two weeks to provide the needed information and coordinate dates.

Public Art: Erin Devoto reported on the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs' 20' x 30' float with boat sculpture that is currently planned to be placed near the northwest corner of the bulkhead. Discussion of the appropriateness of the placement followed, with John Nesholm expressing concern regarding the art piece limiting docking access. It was agreed that a representative of the Arts Office will be invited to present the project at the next committee meeting.

Streetcar: Karen announced that consideration is being given to using 1% for Arts funding in the design of the SLU streetcar station. The general design/framework of the station is similar to a standard off-the-shelf stop as seen in Portland. The Arts funding announcement sparked questions regarding the History Trail project and concerns about artists' moving the station design in a direction that would clash with the History Trail or other not-yet-discussed options. Agreeing that further conversation was necessary, the committee will invite Ethan Melone or another SDOT representative to present updated streetcar and station plans.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Karen distributed a draft colored brochure on South Lake Union Park prepared by Vulcan. Although favorably received, a few comments were offered regarding details.
- Karen also passed around a copy of SDOT's draft SLU On-Street Parking Plan. It was noted that Parks planned parking study will begin early next year.
- Ken stated that he expects MOHAI to submit a proposal regarding the armory building by the end of 2005.

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3. Action items for next meeting

- Update on project schedule and progress: Toby Ressler will provide the following handouts:
 - An updated and detailed project schedule;
 - A complete list of all permits required for all components and phases of the project, including actual or projected timelines for permit approvals.
- Presentation on SDOT Streetcar Project, including its effects during construction on park access.
- Presentation on art component, including most recently proposed placement of floating sculpture and possible art funding/involvement in streetcar station design.
- Strategy for presentation to Council of the bulkhead replacement project and funding requirements.
- Karen will provide information about the History Trail.

4. Possible action items for future meeting

Less urgent, but also of interest was this question for future discussion: How will public and private spaces to the east and west be woven together; how “will the edges work?”

5. Review schedule of future meetings

The committee agreed to meet at the South Lake Union Armory Building from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month beginning in January 2006. The next scheduled meeting will be January 12, 2006 at 3:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Documents Provided:

Agenda

Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2005

Draft of Vulcan’s Lake Union Park brochure

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